His Majesties Message sent to both Houses of Parliament. January 20. 1641.

HIs Majestie perceiving the manifold distractions which are now in this Kingdom, which cannot but bring great inconvenience, and mischiefs to this Whole Government; In which, as his Majestie is most chiefly interessed, so he holds himself by many Reasons most obliged to do what in him lyes, for the preventing thereof; Though he might justly expect (as most proper for the duty of Subjects) that Propositions for the remedies of these Evils, ought rather to come to him, then from him; yet his fatherly care of all his people being such, That he will rather lay by any particular respect of his own Dignity, then that any time should be lost for prevention of these threatning Evils, which cannot admit the delayes of the ordinary proceedings in Parliament; doth think fit to make this ensuing Proposition to both Houses of Parliament:

That they will with all speed fall into a serious consideration of all those particulars, which they shall hold necessary, as well for the upholding and maintaining of his Majesties just and Regall Authority, and for the setling of his Revenue: As for the present and future establishment of their Privileges; The free and quiet enjoying of their Estates and Fortunes; The Liberties of their Persons; The Security of the true Religion now professed in the Church of England; And the setling of Ceremonies, in such a manner as may take away all just offence. which when they shall have digested, and composed into one entire body, that so his Majestie and themselves may be able to make the more clear Judgement of them; it shall then appear by what his Majestie shall do, how far he hath been from intending or designing any of those things, Which the too great Fears and Jealousies of some Persons seem to apprehend; And how ready he will be to equall and exceed the greatest Examples of the most indulgent Princes in their Acts of Grace and Favour to their People. So that if all the present Distractions (which so apparantly threaten the ruine of this Kingdom) do not (by the blessing of Almighty God) end in an happy and blessed Accommodation; his Majestie will then be ready to call Heaven and Earth, God and Man to witnesse, that it hath not failed on his part.